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TRANSLATION From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1) Date of mailing (day/month/year) FOR FURTHER ACTION Applicant's or agent's file reference See paragraph 2 below 2F04098-PCT Priority date (day/month/year) International filing date (day/month/year) International application No. 08.08.2003 06.08.2004 PCT/JP2004/011370 International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: Basis of the opinion Box No. I Box No. II Priority Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability Box No. III Lack of unity of invention Box No. IV Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial Box No. V applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement Certain documents cited Box No. VI Certain defects in the international application Box No. VII Certain observations on the international application Box No. VIII If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered. If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220. Authorized officer Name and mailing address of the ISA/JP

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1.		regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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1.	Statement						
	Novelty (N)	Claims	2,		3		YES
		Claims	1,		4		NO
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	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	$\frac{2}{1}$,				YES
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	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	_1-	-4	1 - 48		YES
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